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SUBJECT: IBM SALE OF COMPUTERS TO BANK OF CHINA, HONG KONG

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1. CONGEN ELEMENTS HAVE REVIEWED SUBJECT SALE PER PARA 3 REFTEL AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE IDENTIFY ANY NEW OR ADDITIONAL SECURITY ASPECTS. HOWEVER, OUR INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE THIS EQUIPMENT IS LIMITED AND THEREFORE WE MUST DEFER TO THE EXPERTISE OF CONCERNED WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN EVALUATING THE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS OF THE SALE INCLUDING POSSIBLE USE OF COMPUTERS VIA TERMINALS LOCATED IN PRC. ON LATTER, HKG REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT ONLY DEDICAT
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TELEPHONE LINES AND HARD-WIRE MODEMS BE USED FOR ACCESSING COMPUTERS FROM OFF-LINE TERMINALS AND THAT THEY MUST BE INSTALLED BY THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY.

2. IN A CALL ON CONGENOFFS ON JANUARY 18, MR. JOHN THROCKMOROTON OF IBM WORLD TRADE COPRORATIONS SIAD THAT CONTRACT WOULD PROBABLY BE SIGNED IN ABOUT 10 DAYS. IN A CONVERSATION WITH CONGENOFF'S LATER THE SAME DAY, MR. NELSON TSAO, SUB-MANGER OF THE SIN HUA TRUST, SAVINGS AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD. (ONE OF HONG KONG'S 13
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PRC-CONTROLLED BANKS) SAID THAT A "PRELIMINARY CONTRACT" HAD ALREADY BEEN SIGNED BY IBM AND THE BANK OF CHINA.
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